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## Vital Congregations

**I**nnovative ideas and inspiring people are important to congregational vitality, especially now. If you're looking for ways that your congregation can continue to flourish, the Center for Congregations is here to help.

Technology updates, virtual ministries, neighborhood outreach and support are just a few of the moving stories we hear from congregations every day. Find out what other congregations are doing and how they are encouraged and motivated. You can find good reading at the congregational stories section of our website: <https://centerforcongregations.org/blogs/congregational-stories>.

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## Upcoming Workshops

You're invited to Center education events!

Details and online registration are available now. Workshops are free and online. New events are being added regularly, so check back often.

<https://centerforcongregations.org/workshops>

**Learn more** about how the Center can help your congregation. Get in touch at [info@centerforcongregations.org](mailto:info@centerforcongregations.org) or call 866-307-2381 to find out. Our services are free!



## Resources You Can Use

### **Bringing Our Pain to God**

This article describes biblical lament in real congregations and explores how Christians can bring pain and grief to God in worship.

### **Self-Care in Times of Social Tension**

This pastoral letter provides hope and self-care ideas for dealing with the trauma of racism.

### **The Pandemic's Impact on Funerals**

This short video provides insight into funeral options and Jewish burials during COVID-19.

These resources and more are at <https://thecrg.org/>



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Welcome to Centerpiece! This is our quarterly newsletter highlighting education, resources and other information.

Our Mission is to strengthen Indiana congregations by helping them find and use the best resources to address their challenges and opportunities.